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Note verbale dated 1 May 1990 from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Centre for Human Rights

1. The Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Centre for Human Rights and has the honour to inform the Centre that, on 9 April 1990, Israeli occupation forces and the militia known as the "South Lebanon Army", which is collaborating with them, evacuated 150 male and female students from the school in the village of Tayreh in occupied southern Lebanon, which was then blown up by military demolition squads, thereby causing a large fire that would have led to a catastrophe but for the intervention of the Irish battalion serving with the United Nations emergency forces, which extinguished the fire.

2. The Lebanese Government, while strongly condemning that arbitrary act which prevented 150 students from pursuing their regular studies, regards it as a further example of the Israeli practices that are violating the most fundamental human rights in occupied southern Lebanon. The Lebanese Government also regards it as a manifestation of blatant disregard for the international will that was recently expressed in Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/54 of 6 March 1990, in which the Commission called upon Israel to cease its arbitrary practices, to put an end to its violations of

human rights in the Lebanese territory that it is occupying, and to withdraw immediately and unconditionally from that territory in accordance with Security Council resolution 425 of 19 March 1978.

3. The Lebanese Government therefore calls upon the international community, as represented by the Commission on Human Rights, to adopt an appropriate position in regard to that arbitrary act, in keeping with its resolution, its mandate and its task of protecting human rights in all parts of the world, particularly in areas under occupation.

4. The Permanent Mission of Lebanon requests that this letter be distributed as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights.

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Note verbale dated 22 August 1990 from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Centre for Human Rights

1. The Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Centre for Human Rights and, in accordance with instructions from the Lebanese Government, and further to its previous communications, has the honour to inform the Centre that the Israeli occupation forces in southern Lebanon recently liquidated a detainee named Asaad Nimr Bezzi at the Khiam detention centre, after torturing him. Bezzi had been detained there since 17 September 1985.

2. It should be noted that, notwithstanding the resolutions and decisions of the Security Council and other bodies, including the Commission on Human Rights, the Israeli authorities have persistently prevented the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations from visiting and looking into the situation of the 400 detainees who are being held at Khiam.

3. The Lebanese Government strongly condemns this barbaric act, which is contrary to all the principles of human rights, and urgently appeals to the Centre for Human Rights to take all the necessary steps, within the framework of its mandate, to urge Israel to cease these inhuman practices, to immediately release the detainees, to permit the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations to fulfil their humanitarian tasks in the occupied area of southern Lebanon and to implement Security Council resolution 425 of 19 March 1978, which called upon Israel to withdraw its forces from all Lebanese territory.

4. The Permanent Mission of Lebanon requests the Centre for Human Rights to distribute this note as a document of the Commission on Human Rights.

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